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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-42 and substitute therefor, claims 43-84 as follows:

43. A communications system comprising a first station capable of communication with a second station over a wireless channel, data being carried over the wireless channel in superframes, each superframe comprising a plurality of frames and each frame comprising a plurality of timeslots;  
the system having:  
a first mode of operation in which a full rate data channel for circuit switched communications is defined by the allocation to that data channel of corresponding time slots in each frame;